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## OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTED

BISMARCK –Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem recently presented annual service awards to employees of the Office of Attorney General.

The meritorious service award is presented annually to employees whose “extraordinary efforts to the office and the people of the state exemplify the best of public service.” Nominations were received from within the agency, the offices and agencies served by the Attorney General’s office, and members of the public. An internal selection committee considered the nominations and selected two recipients.

“The Meritorious Service Award recognizes an employee’s outstanding job performance and continued commitment to excellence. I considered it an honor to present the award to these deserving individuals,” commented Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

The 2003 Meritorious Service Award winners are:

Laura Gleich, Auditor, Gaming division. Ms. Gleich conducts gaming audits and has developed new processes to streamline the audit process. Her contributions to the gaming division reduced costs for the state and benefited the entire gaming industry in North Dakota.

Tag Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Litigation division. Mr. Anderson advises several state agencies, and specializes in personnel issues. His outstanding legal advice has resulted in the successful resolution of several difficult personnel issues without litigation.

The following employees received Longevity Awards, for service to state government:

25 years	Deb Matzke and Renae Gall
20 years	Jerry Theisen, Rose Faul, John Elstad
15 years	John Fox, Judy Volk, Laura Miller, Judy Austad, Judy Swanberg, Karen Rutschke
10 years	Joe Herslip, Mike Mullen, Kim Grenz, Linda Hippen, Alexis Bieber
5 years	Scott Miller, Paul Germolus, Greg Metz, Julie Thompson, Troy Goetz, Steve Harstad, Diane Carpenter, Tracey Stastny, Chris Schroeder, Cindy Leingang

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